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APPARATUS AND COLOR CORRECTION METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

September 4, 2001

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5 and 9-16 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

REMARKS

Claims 6-8 are pending in the above-identified application. Favorable consideration and an early indication of allowability are earnestly solicited.

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If necessary, the Commissioner of hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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